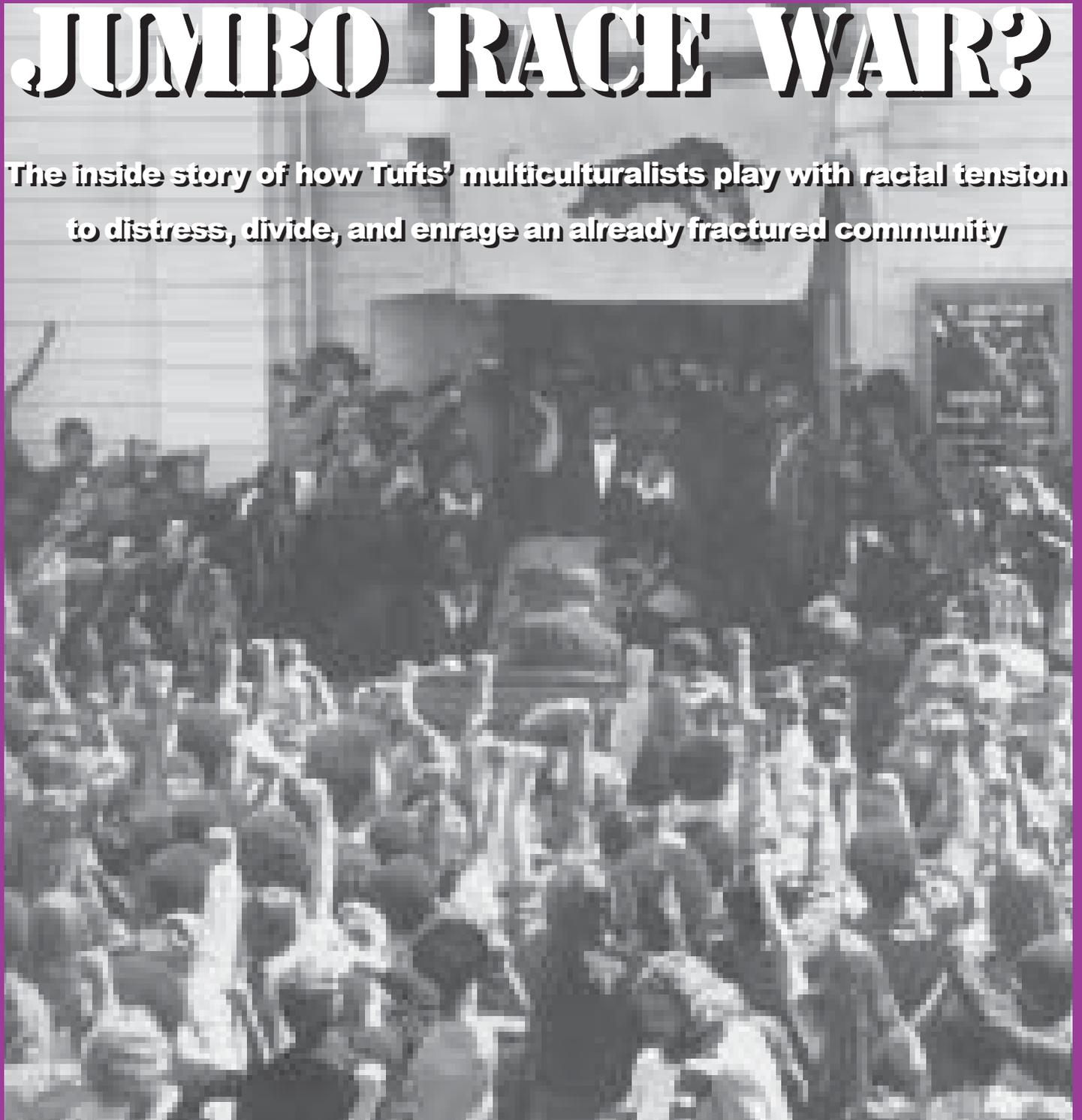


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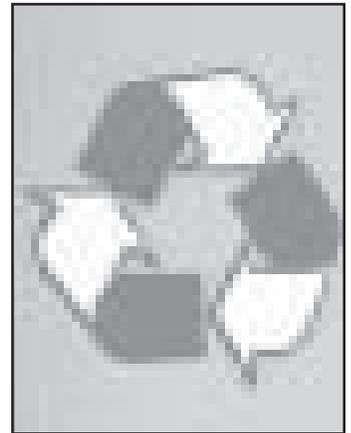
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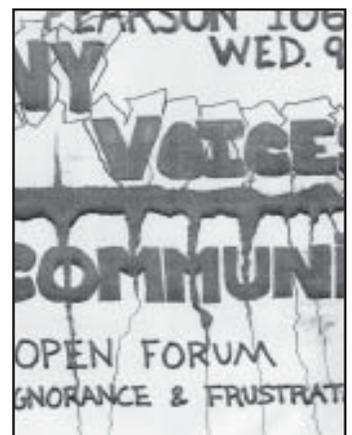
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I devoted this space last issue to critiquing Mike Capuano, the Democratic candidate for Congress in Tufts' district with a decidedly anti-Tufts past. The success of his candidacy following his inflammatory attitude towards the university next door is emblematic of a persistent problem with which Tufts constantly contends and which has tarnished its day-to-day existence enough to merit mention in various college guides: poor town/gown relations. Capuano, who opined that Tufts executives should be taken out and "shot" and has built a political reputation picketing Tufts in public, is a symptom of the problem. Now that it has been identified, it is worth discussing possible solutions. I favor a radical one: a secessionist approach.

It is clear to many that Somerville harbors no appreciation for the benefits Tufts bestows on the community. (You can read more about this in rookie contributor Jonathan Block's piece on page 20). My secessionist solution is to give Somerville exactly what it wants: an end to the relationship among non-equals that exists between Tufts and its surrounding neighborhood. The proposal is simple: secede from Somerville in much the same way that the American colonies seceded from the British Empire and the Southern confederacy seceded from the Union.

The moral and political basis for such an act is clear and well-defined. The Declaration of Independence states, "[G]overnments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government." In Tufts' situation no violent revolution is necessary; the University need simply issue an official proclamation that an area of its campus exists under Somerville governance, that Somerville has proven unwilling to let the University pursue its institutional happiness unimpeded, and that from here on that portion of campus will be governed by someone else. It really wouldn't be that difficult at all. Since the primary functions of a local government are the collection of taxes and the provision

of police protection—and Tufts is tax-exempt and employs its own police—it is difficult to imagine exactly what Tufts ever stood to gain in the first place from Somerville's governance.

Sure, a modern government oft oversteps its bounds and does many things far outside a government's proper province. But when has Tufts ever benefitted from any of these unjust expansions? The University could easily use the secessionist opportunity to gain a piece of this socialist pie. Let's say it might make a deal: Tufts will sign over its property, and the accompanying economic benefits thereof, to the governance of whichever nearby municipality will fund a benefit such as, say, the expansion of Boston T service to the campus. I'm sure quite a number of local towns—perhaps even Medford—would vie for the opportunity to exploit the economic resources of Tufts students, all of whom must pay the taxes which accompany day-to-day life even if the University need not. In the end, the secessionist alternative would be beneficial to all.

Except, perhaps, Somerville. And that would be the whole point of going through with the process. The town might begin to appreciate what it had once it all vanished. The only problem is that Somerville would still reap benefits from Tufts even were the University not in its jurisdiction simply by virtue of occupying the real estate next door. Somerville residents would still enjoy property values boosted by a prime next-to-Tufts location. They would still reap all the quality-of-life benefits implicit in living next to a major University, such as the opportunity to attend social and intellectual events. They would still reap the economic benefits when visitors to Tufts frequent their businesses. And they would likely even continue to enjoy the perk of having their children receive preferential treatment when applying to the University. In fact, it seems the chief benefit of the secessionist approach would be to elucidate to everyone exactly how useless government is. And maybe that's the greatest blessing of them all.



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Letters

Talking Trash

I received a summons in the mail yesterday evening when I returned home from work to appear as a defendant in court at 8:30 Tuesday morning with the City of New York as the plaintiff— only two business days notice. The summons did not state the charge.

The deal, which I only was able to find out today: the city was filing a civil lawsuit against me for “misuse of a city trash bin.” I had thrown away used envelopes into a trash can instead of recycling them. So I’m paying \$50 and losing the case by default. The hearing will proceed with or without me. It’s civil, so there’s no criminal record unlike a traffic ticket. But it’s f***ing ridiculous. Feel free to forward this to anyone who thinks the EPA is out of control.

Ed Havell, LA '97
New York, NY

Mr. Havell was a SOURCE contributor from 1993 to 1997. We received this distressed communiqué via e-mail, and he graciously agreed to share his story with our readers.

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On Second Thought...

It's no secret that recycling has become America's new religion despite compelling evidence that it is prohibitively costly, has no positive effect on the environment, and doesn't possess any benefits beyond simply throwing one's refuse in a good old-fashioned garbage can. The time is ripe for a little blasphemy. The

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Commentary

Wanted: Gay Plumber

Looking for a new mattress, an electrician, or a wrestling club? Gay, lesbian, or bisexual? Don't know where to turn? Not to worry, the 17th annual edition of the *Pink Pages* has arrived, filled with gay establishments ranging from African Art to Gutters to Water Filtration. Never again will you accidentally support a straight smoke-shop or plumber.

While advertisers listed in the *Pages* are not exclusively gay establishments, the guide encourages gay people to patronize these businesses because they "welcome the community." One can only imagine the reaction that would ensue were an organization like the Christian Coalition to publish a list of its own members' businesses so people could be assured they were not supporting the gay community; surely there would be outrage. Seen in this light, the gay community has further separated itself from mainstream America by publishing the *Pink Pages*.

One's sexuality clearly has no relation to how well one performs a job. Is a gay locksmith superior to a straight one? Like race, sexual orientation should not be a factor in choosing which businesses to patronize; instead consumers should evaluate the merits of the business. When consumers use irrelevant criteria to direct their dollars, the self-improving mechanisms of the free market begin to whither away.

Again and again, gay activists have demanded equal treatment. However, by separating themselves from mainstream America, they only serve to expand the gap they claim to vigorously oppose.

Only the Best

Liberals who have grown bored of attacking Kenneth Starr have decided to redirect their complaints towards the nation's highest court. As the Justices prepared to take the benches last week,

they were greeted by riotous hooting from protesters outside the building who accused the Supreme Court of racism. The Justices, apparently, had not been sufficiently politically correct in choosing their clerks; all but one of the highly coveted positions are filled with whites.

Thus, the protestors foolishly infer that these legal clerks have attained their positions *because* of their skin color; in reality, their race had nothing to do with their appointments. The Justices carefully selected the applicants based on their academic credentials, personal ambition, knowledge of the Supreme Court's agenda, and, of course, tutelage under the most esteemed law professors. The protestors intended their demonstration to send a disturbing message that while the nine Justices of the Court work to dismantle the last vestiges of racial discrimination they should be actively abandoning the ideal of treating men by the content of their characters and not by the color of their skin. Hopefully, the Justices will not be fazed. Common sense certainly dictates that the legal aides closest to the nation's most important judges should be chosen on the basis of their merit alone, or their ability to handle the rigorous and weighty responsibility before them of attending to the nation's most difficult legal questions.

Shut Up and Play

The 1998-1999 men's basketball season is in serious peril due to a labor dispute between the NBA and the players' association that began early this past summer. All 114 exhibition games have already been canceled; only an act short of divine intervention could prevent the regular season from starting later than the scheduled November 3 opening day. Given that the disputing parties have only met twice since July 1, it is foreseeable that this season will never start. This dispute revolves around the NBA's hard salary cap; the league seeks to continue enforcing the cap, which limits the average players' salary to \$3.1 million and requires that 10-year veterans be paid no less than \$750,000. The

players, obviously, would prefer there be no such cap. As a result, the league has locked the players out.

The fundamental problem with a salary cap is that it opposes classical capitalist principles. Players should be able to command the highest salaries their talent justifies and owners should remain disciplined enough to turn away arrogant, overpriced athletes. The owner willing to risk the most money on players should also be permitted to field the

The image is a collage of several advertisements. At the top left is an ad for 'Progressive Canine Training and Behavioral Services' with the slogan 'Better Best Friends' and 'Free Evaluation'. Below it is a smaller ad for 'Gentle Effective Puppy Training' featuring a dog's face. To the right of that is an ad for 'Woof... Think Pink!' with a dog's face and the text 'Listen to Your Best Friend' and 'support these businesses that support'. On the far right is a large ad for 'LAMBERT'S RAINBOW FRUIT' with the slogan 'The Best of Everything' and 'Full Lunch Served'. At the bottom right is an ad for 'LEVI'S UNIFORM RAMROD' featuring a muscular man in a uniform.

best team. If an owner starts charging too much for tickets to offset the price of talent, people won't go to the games. At that point, the team will either change its policies, causing ticket prices to decline, or seek a new owner who can afford the price. Life goes on, and the marketplace is better for it.

No matter how you look at the issue, the fact is that a source of enjoyment for many is in jeopardy. Fans, players, and owners alike would be better off if the parties involved directed their efforts to shutting up and playing the game.

Truth Without Sorrow

In a matter of weeks after Julie Lee and Cynthia Wong authored a *Daily Viewpoint* and attended a senate meeting to discuss an alleged racial incident of which they were the 'victims,' racism has once again become the hottest issue on campus. With the publication of *Submerge* and the staging of "Many Voices, No Community," campus multiculturalists have actualized their claim that the time is ripe for some institutional change.

Tufts is not the first university whose activists have exploited such incidents for political purposes. Consider some other anecdotes at colleges across the nation:

- After a black doll was found hanging from a tree at Duke University, activist student groups campaigned for the creation of a new multicultural program.
- The University of Georgia's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Student Union pressured the college's administration to divert finances to the group after a gay resident adviser reported three occasions wherein vandals set his door on fire.
- The student government president at Guilford College, an ardent supporter of black causes, reported herself the victim of a hate crime and then lobbied the college for changes like a new curriculum, the addition of more minority faculty, and the creation of an institute on race relations.
- A gay Eastern New Mexico University teaching assistant worked to convince the college to create new programs for lesbian advancement after she discovered works of homophobic literature on campus.

Besides the fact that each incident inspired campus activists to lobby for changes, the four anecdotes have one other thing in common: they were all hoaxes. Duke's black doll was hung up by black students hoping to draw attention to a protest they'd had planned. University of Georgia police discovered that the gay resident adviser had set fire to his own door and blamed it on hateful vandals. The Guilford College student government president had lied about the attack on her in order to promote her agenda. And the lesbian TA at ENMU had created the homophobic literature herself

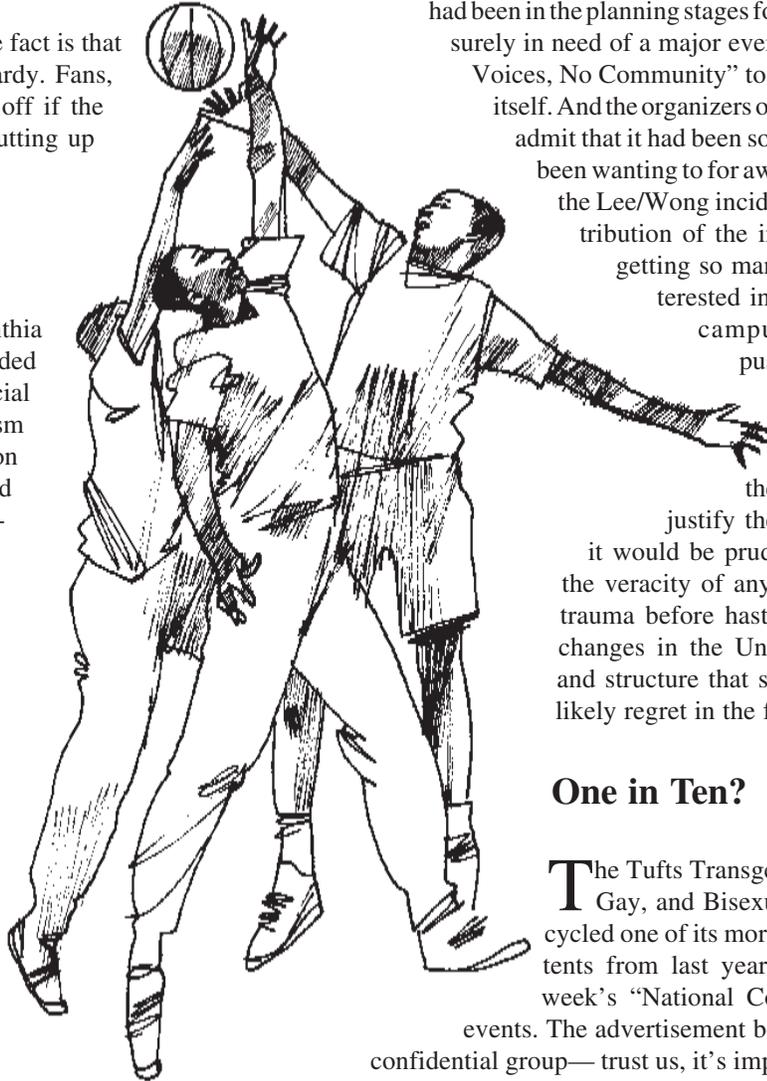
in order to rally support for her causes.

In light of these incidents it is worth noting that how convenient a time for Tuftonian activists the alleged incident involving Julie

Lee and Cynthia Wong occurred. *Submerge* magazine had been in the planning stages for months and was surely in need of a major event such as "Many Voices, No Community" to draw attention to itself. And the organizers of that forum freely admit that it had been something they had been wanting to for awhile regardless of the Lee/Wong incident; the only contribution of the incident had been getting so many on campus interested in attending. Now,

campus activists are pushing for institutional change and using the tumult of the last few weeks to

justify their demands. But it would be prudent to determine the veracity of any claims of racial trauma before hastily initiating any changes in the University's culture and structure that students will very likely regret in the future.



One in Ten?

The Tufts Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Collective recycled one of its more obnoxious table tents from last year to promote this week's "National Coming Out Day"

events. The advertisement boasts, "We is... a confidential group— trust us, it's important," and then continues, "A group of some transgendered people, some lesbians, some gays, some bisexuals, some straights, some closeted people, some 'oops, changed my mind again,' some 'uh... let me get back to you,' some 'no labels,' and some PRIMARY SOURCE members." The slogan— obviously intended to elicit an incensed reaction— exposes the absurdity of the organization's other claim to not be "a politically based group." Moreover, it reveals the sad truth that TTLGBC has betrayed the ideals it claims to cherish.

The insertion of the line about the SOURCE was likely nothing more than a blatant lie intended to arouse anger, but it is quite possible that its roots are far more insidious. THE PRIMARY SOURCE does not ask its members to report their sexual proclivities, but if in fact any SOURCE members do attend TTLGBC meetings, the confidentiality which TTLGBC promised them— whose importance the group stresses in the very same table tent— has been callously, irresponsibly, and recklessly breached. THE PRIMARY SOURCE demands an apology from TTLGBC for forsaking its values for a below-the-belt strike at its political opponents.

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS South Carolinians are whining about the stench from a chicken-processing plant just across the state line in Kentucky. It's called "Dewick-MacPhie."

PS In other news from the lower Carolina, a new law is forcing students performing below their grade level to go to summer school. The students blame their poor performance on the distracting smell of chicken guts.

PS South Dakota's pheasant hunting season has resulted in a booming hotel and motel market, with an estimated 1,500 more rooms booked than normal. Of course, the real money comes from the year-round "unemployed guys cheating on their wives" season.

PS A high school teacher in Utah is seeking to dismiss a lawsuit that declares her morally unfit to teach because she is a lesbian living with her partner. The two parties cut a deal, and she will be permitted to return to work if she takes on four other partners.

PS At first glance, little about Fajardo, Puerto Rico suggests its role as the biggest gateway for one of the main routes for smuggling cocaine into the United States. At second glance, however, you might notice the sign at the airport which proclaims, "Biggest gateway for smuggling cocaine into the United States."

PS Top Ten "Alternative" Businesses Advertised in the *Pink Pages*:

10. Dr. Happy's Office of Proctology
9. Out-of-Town News & Gay Porn
8. Transgendered Studio of Interpretive Dance
7. Bob's Pancake House & Bondage Emporium
6. Barnes & Ignoble Erotic Books
5. Bear, Leather, Levi, and Random Rump
4. Bender & Associates Attorneys at Law
3. Bill's Dog Grooming & Canine Memory Supression
2. Dick's House of Pizza
1. Gay Kar Lau

PS Residents of Marinette, Wisconsin, have been assured that their water supply is safe despite a foul smell coming from an apparently harmless form of algae. In a related story, residents of Somerville, Massachusetts have been assured that their water is safe. Said Mayor Mike Capuano, "I've been drinking it all my life and it's not like I've got brain damage."

PS Scientists have applied a technique similar to the one used to clone Dolly to help impregnate infertile women. If successful, the technique could produce a baby with two genetic moms. But one hesitates to call a technique which would enable Peggy Barrett to have a baby with herself "progress."

PS A ten-year-old Georgia boy accidentally shot himself in the ass after bringing a .357 Magnum to school. As punishment, he now has to write on the chalkboard fifty times, "I will not shoot myself in the ass with a .357 Magnum."

PS Arizona border patrol reported seizing nearly four hundred thousand illegal immigrants last year, but that's not all. The average amount of "luggage" was half a pound of marijuana. Any chance they all had glaucoma?

PS President Clinton honored New Hampshire Trooper First Class Charles West and other "Top Cops" this week. He has to give a last thank-you to his favorite state troopers before he packs his bags for Little Rock.

PS Kansans are receiving mixed messages about crime in their state: since 1992, domestic violence is down 10% overall, but rape up 14.3%. Never should have given Bob Dole Viagra.

PS Top Ten Rejected SOURCE Top Ten List Ideas:

10. Top Ten Josh Goldenberg Jokes Too Tasteless Even for Us
9. Top Ten Ransom Demands After We Kidnap DiBiaggio's Dogs
8. Top Ten Endangered Species to Serve at This Year's SOURCE BBQ
7. Top Ten Real Reasons Norman Daniels Got on Hillary Clinton's Health Care Task Force
6. Top Ten Things We Would Say to Julie Lee and Cynthia Wong
5. Top Ten Random Accents in Rubén Salinas Stern's Name
4. Top Ten Top Secret Pledge Events
3. Top Ten Andi Friedman Pastry Recipes
2. Top Ten Things We Buried Under the Patio
1. Top Ten Things Overheard by Our Secret Wiretap in the TCU Senate Office

PS An Alabama snake-handling reverend was killed during a sermon by—you guessed it—a snake bite. Guess it's too late now for him to start believing in Darwinism.

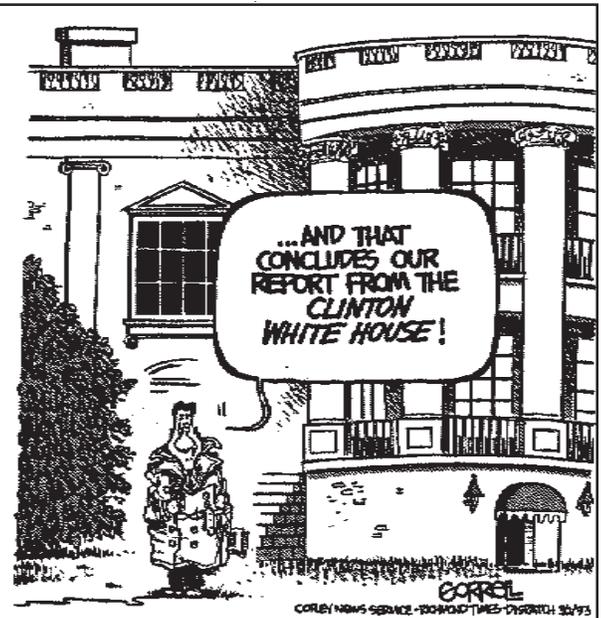
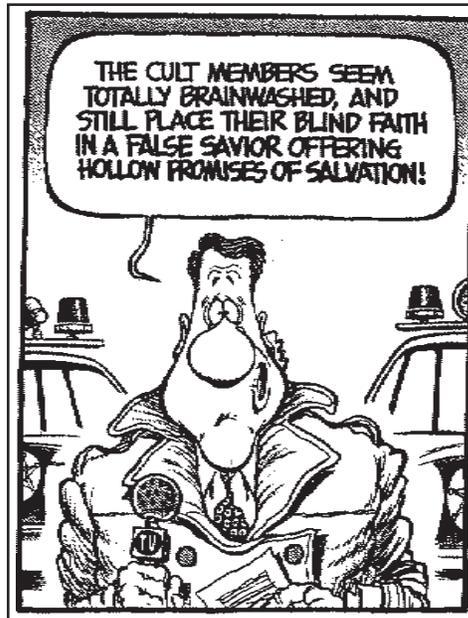
PS Three Texas State Parks workers have been punished for illegally tampering with the odometer on their vehicle to make it seem more worn out and in need of replacement. They never would've found out if the horse hadn't talked.

PS In a tightly contested race for a judgeship in Oklahoma, the scales may be thrown in one direction or another by an authenticated photo of the female candidate topless. Hey, White House endorsements don't come cheap.

PS Head injuries kill more people under 35 than anything else. A new drug, derived from marijuana molecules, may help more of them survive and return to normal life after brain trauma. Patients in clinical trials report the unusual side effect that they now *completely* understand Syd Barrett.

PS S&L conspirator and American hero John Glenn is just three weeks from his historic blast into space, which may be the first of many trips of the elderly into the heavens. Hey, it's cheaper than doling out Social Security.

PS A Texas animal shelter got one animal too many when it found a seven foot alligator hungrily eyeing its dogs and cats. The gator later admitted it worked for a local Chinese restaurant.



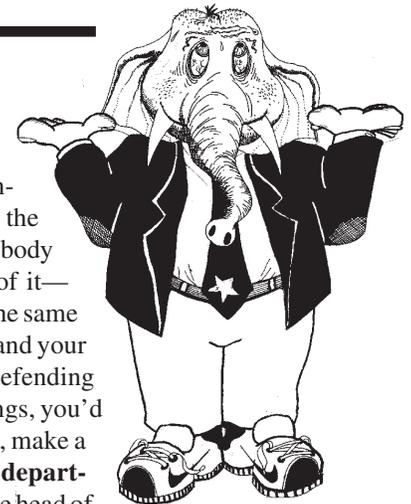
From the Elephant's Mouth

☞ Left-wing agitator **Alex Shalom** recounts the irrelevant woes of (groan) the ex-UNICCO workers during a question to Nobel Laureate **Jose Ramos-Horta** at a Goddard Chapel lecture. But at least the atrocities in **East Timor** make \$8.60 an hour look like a real treat.... **Sociology** professor **Paul Joseph** lectures on "Faith" as Seen by a **Socialist** Swimming in a **Capitalist** Sea." Apparently he was *not* referring to Tufts.... On the day of the event— too late for anyone to actually *go*— the *Tufts Daily* announces that students can get free tickets to **Peter Lowe's Success 1998** at the FleetCenter. They should have just said there was inadequate security detail.... "Octubre" 6th lecture for **Hispanic Heritage Month** is titled "US Superiority and Latin American Inferiority." Follow-up presentations include "Republicans Kidnapped Your Dog" and "Hasta La Vista, Whitey."

☞ Local photographer "**Alan**" posts signs all over campus looking for female Jumbos to pose for some **artsy nudie pics** with him at \$10.00 an hour. It might be the best way to bag dull chicks since **Tufts Men Against Violence** came along, and don't say we didn't warn you about **Museum School** students.... **Womyn's Studies** promotes its senior-project program with a poster containing an image reminiscent of the **Wall of Respect for Women** (Osco Drugs, Davis Square). Suggested interdisciplinary approach: pose neekid for **Alan**.... *Observer* "**Open Forum**" strikes again, asking students about the fulfillment of their collegiate expectations, and junior **Catherine Petronino** responds, "I didn't expect to feel left out because I'm not a minority." Attn. Catherine: **Tuesdays at 9:00 pm** in the **Zamparelli Room**. Hint, hint.

☞ Senior **Iwei Chen** reads a *Daily Viewpoint* she doesn't like and asks in a whining response, "Why should I as an **Asian-American woman** have to read his white supremacist viewpoints at nine in the morning over an otherwise pleasant breakfast of coffee and a

bagel?" Answer: You *don't*. Put down the damn paper if you don't like what you're reading.... **Irate Iwei** continues, "Why, for every dollar the **white male** earns, does everybody else make a mere fraction of it— including white females in the same field? ... That means if you and your mother were both lawyers defending the **Ku Klux Klan's** lynchings, you'd make more. If you doubt me, make a trip down to the **sociology department** and have a chat with the head of the department, who can provide you with actual numbers and statistics." That's right: everyone knows it takes a tenured academic to lie convincingly.



☞ President **John DiBiaggio**, senate chief **Jack Schnirman**, Lord of the Fries **Patti Lee**, dirty damn liar **Rubén Salinas Stern**, and mannish feminist **Peggy Barrett** are among the attendees at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the **patio**. Wait until you find out how much the **ribbon** cost.... **Students United for Labor Justice** seems to slip into nothingness after ignoring all-important TCU budget procedure, despite sporadic warnings from TCU budget hawk **Michaela Murphy**. No shock considering the group's model for responsible work was UNICCO.... The *Observer* posts its official "Stylebook" in the **Media Advisory Board Office** including such gems as "Dumpster: trademark for a large metal trash bin. Use **trash bin** or **trash container** instead." #1 best place for the *Observer* if you can't find a Dumpster™: The Shredder™.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

Clinton tries to postpone the inevitable, but the Founding Fathers had something else in mind.

Let the Process Work

BY CRAIG WALDMAN

The liberal media continue to label impeachment a “constitutional crisis,” carefully avoiding discussion of this serious issue in intelligent terms. Instead, they simply try to instill panic in the American people with low-brow commentary and alarmist scare tactics. But the Founding Fathers intended impeachment to be used, not for it to sit idly by as an empty threat; the impeachment process has Constitutional roots which extend too deep for the media to fallaciously label it as “partisan.”

Impeachment is certainly no crisis for America. It might be a crisis for the Clinton Administration, but even Bill Clinton understands that the Constitution outlines ways to deal with every kind of serious national predicament. The document mentions impeachment six times; obviously, the Founding Fathers anticipated the need for this type of check. They knew that corrupt Presidents would readily subvert their duties to faithfully execute the office. They envisioned Congress acting to protect American interests at home and abroad by preserving the dignity of the government as a whole. Such interests change with the times, and the framers were careful never to limit them to a definition too narrow. A crisis two hundred years ago is not necessarily the same as a crisis now, so they left impeachment an open-ended topic and endowed Congress with the responsibility of defining “high crimes and misdemeanors.”

The framers knew that such offenses would change as history unraveled itself and as the nature of the American government changed. It is, then, Congress’s job to determine what crimes are “high crimes” and what misdemeanors rise to impeachable levels. Congressional Democrats summon Constitutional “experts” to report on the historical meanings of these terms, but it is up to our representatives to decide.

Impeachable high crimes need not base themselves solely in the law. The articles of

impeachment against Richard Nixon included a charge of “false or misleading public statements for the purpose of deceiving the people of the United States.” Lying to the American people and betraying their trust certainly undermines a President’s ability to lead effectively, and Congress surely has the right to impeach on that basis. When all the information comes out, Congress can decide whether Bill Clinton has offended the nation enough to merit impeachment. And if Congress sees lying under oath, thus subverting the basic cornerstone of our legal system, as impeachable, then no Constitutional scholar or commentator can argue otherwise.

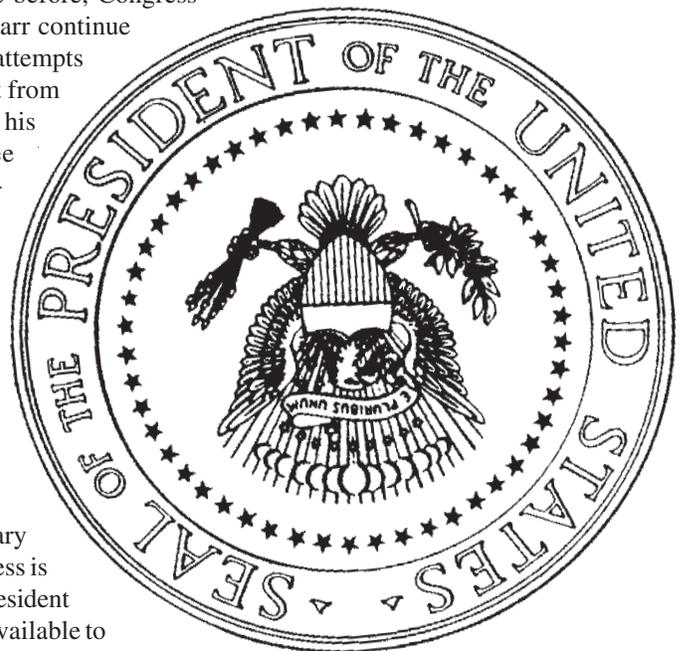
Democrats continue their attempts to limit the proceedings solely to Zippergate under the pretense of ‘getting the entire episode behind us.’ But to truly do that all information available about the Clinton Administration’s misdeeds must be heard. Instead of allowing the charade to drag on with scandal after scandal, each one more shocking than the one before, Congress should let Kenneth Starr continue unfettered by partisan attempts to shield the President from the consequences of his own actions and see what develops. Democracy depends on the free exchange of information. Allowing all the information to come out will allow the country and Congress to make an informed decision and move on with no regrets.

Placing an arbitrary time limit on this process is sheer nonsense. The President has used every tactic available to slow down the process, and a time

limit would only encourage him to stall further in hopes that the process would end before he or any of his aides get called to testify. Clinton has already made the investigation drag on too long with frivolous claims of executive privilege; without all these shenanigans, the investigation (and his administration) could have been over and done with already. It should not and will not be a lengthy investigation unless Clinton continues his stonewalling. If he releases all parties to testify fully and truthfully, he can truly make good on his claim to care more about getting on with the business of the country.

Above all, there is no need to cut a deal just yet. To determine whether or not any wrongdoing has occurred an investigation must take place, and only after Congress examines the evidence can it impose a just penalty. A deal now is premature and simply an attempt to subvert the process laid out by the Constitution. It is impossible to determine the just deserts of someone’s actions without knowing first what crimes he committed. This process needs to work itself out over time. Only after a complete investigation based on the ideals instituted by the Founding Fathers can the country move on. If everyone cooperates, impeachment will be the smooth Constitutional investigation which the framers intended it to be.

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THE PRIMARY SOURCE sent some roaming eyes about campus to discover what some campus organizations are *really* there for....

TUFTS COMMUNITY UNION



STUDENTS FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

To fight the use of animals for commercial gain, to encourage vegetarianism and veganism, and to express sympathy for cattle.

Hidden Agenda

To find a site remote enough to hold the first annual SETA Pig Roast.

Tufts Feminist Alliance

To increase awareness of womyn's issues, to support community outreach programs, and to facilitate abortions.

Hidden Agenda

To learn how to knit sweaters for their boyfriends and to bake apple pies just like Mom used to make.

THE STRATEGIC GAMING SOCIETY

To graduate college with +17 strength, +36 courage, and +42 endurance.

Hidden Agenda

To devise a version of "Three-Man" for sixteen-sided dice... and Diet Cokes.

Tufts Christian Fellowship

To involve all elements of the Tufts community in worship, spiritual growth, and interesting religious activities, and to get as many Jumbos past the pearly gates as possible.

Hidden Agenda

To turn the Granoff Hillel Center into the international headquarters of "Jews for Jesus."

THE TCU SENATE

To continue to maintain the only e-mail terminal in the campus center, to act as beacons of leadership in the Tufts community, and to keep students occupied while the president decides what's best for them.

Hidden Agenda

To be able to fit their egos through the door of the senate office.

Film Series

To introduce Tufts students to the collective genius of Adam Sandler, Johnny Depp, and Jim Carrey.

Hidden Agenda

To learn how to operate a movie projector without wearing any pants.

TUFTS MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

To reduce the number of incidences of violence on campus and to educate students and the community about non-violent conflict-reduction methods... and to not rape.

Hidden Agenda

To deflower as many innocent freshmen as possible before someone discovers the Tufts Feminist Alliance membership roster "checklist" in the TMAV office.

E Unum Pluribus

THE WILD AND CORRECT ADVENTURES OF DIVERSITY-MAN

AT THE END OF LAST SEMESTER, DIVERSITY-MAN WAS ABOUT TO SPONTANEOUSLY REVEAL HIS IDENTITY TO A STUNNED AND DEFEATED JOSH GOLDENBERG!

...YEARS OF PREPARATION, RUINED BY YOUR INCOMPETENCE! TRUST ME, TREASURER, UP UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE HAD NO IDEA WHOM YOU WERE DEALING WITH...

NO!!!!!!!

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SURPRISED, TREASURER GOLDENBERG?

YOU LOOK A LITTLE BIT PALE!

UGH... I DO FEEL FUNNY...

POOF

WH-WHAT HAPPENED? FEEL DISORIENTED... CONFUSED...

WHO AM I? WHY AM I HERE? WHY AM I WEARING THIS DORKY-LOOKING LAME-ASS SWEATER-VEST?

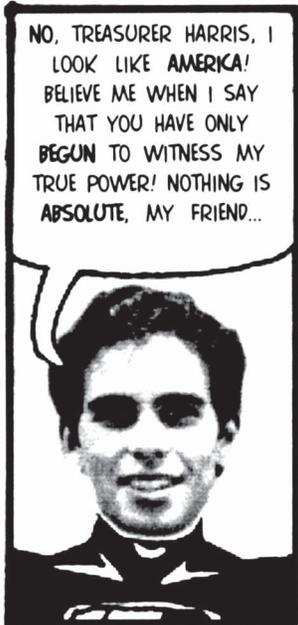
DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL FEEL GROGGY JUST A BIT LONGER FROM THE TIME CHANGE TO THE NEXT SEMESTER. DON'T FORGET TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE NEW UPDATED TREASURY PROCEDURES MANUAL.

TREASURER HARRIS, I PRESUME. PLEASSED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

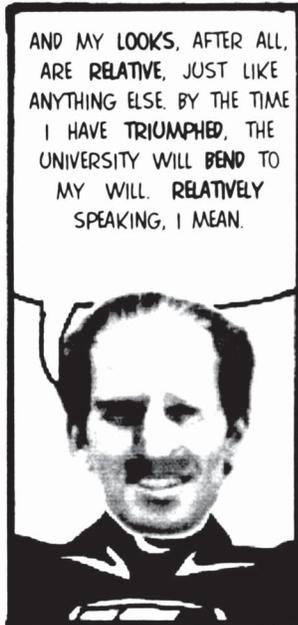
MY NAME IS **DIVERSITY-MAN**.



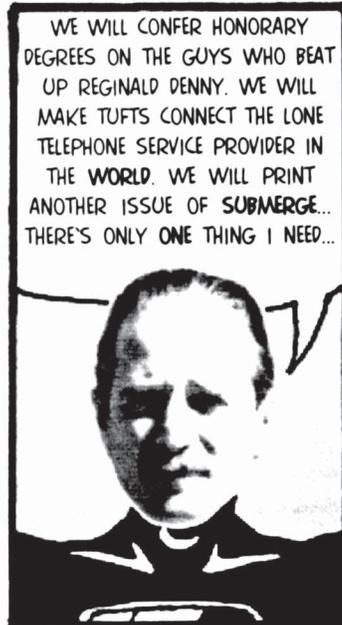
THAT'S FUNNY. YOU SURE LOOK A LOT LIKE JOSH.



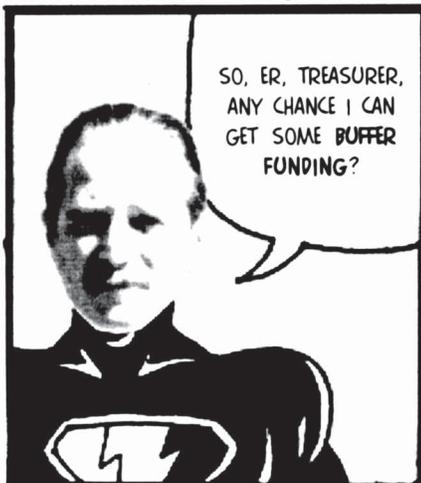
NO, TREASURER HARRIS, I LOOK LIKE AMERICA! BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT YOU HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO WITNESS MY TRUE POWER! NOTHING IS ABSOLUTE, MY FRIEND...



AND MY LOOKS, AFTER ALL, ARE RELATIVE, JUST LIKE ANYTHING ELSE. BY THE TIME I HAVE TRIUMPHED, THE UNIVERSITY WILL BEND TO MY WILL. RELATIVELY SPEAKING, I MEAN.



WE WILL CONFER HONORARY DEGREES ON THE GUYS WHO BEAT UP REGINALD DENNY. WE WILL MAKE TUFTS CONNECT THE LONE TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE WORLD. WE WILL PRINT ANOTHER ISSUE OF SUBMERGE... THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I NEED...



SO, ER, TREASURER, ANY CHANCE I CAN GET SOME BUFFER FUNDING?



I DON'T THINK SO... IT SAYS HERE YOU NEED FIFTEEN PEOPLE... AND YOU PROBABLY NEED TO BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, MAN...

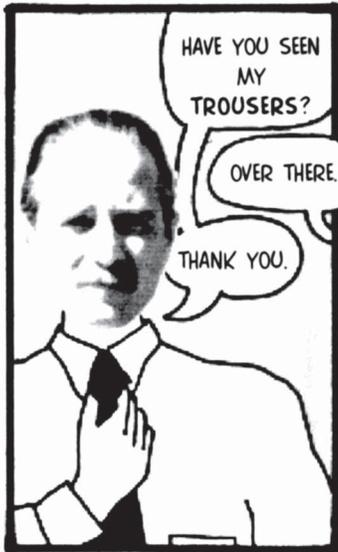
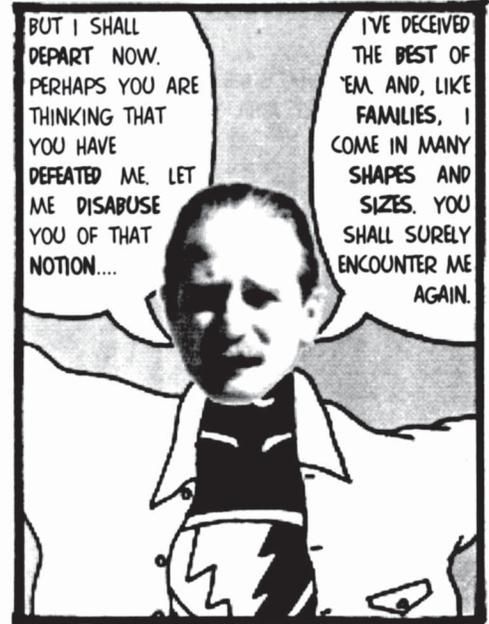
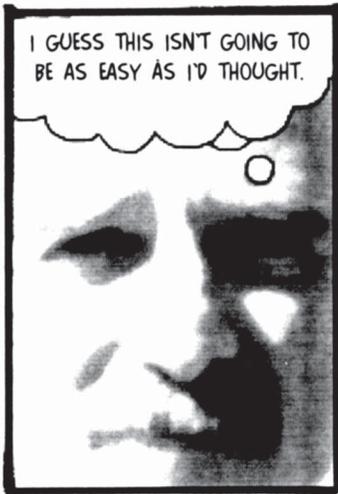


HOW ABOUT IF I START MY OWN A CAPELLA GROUP? AND A ONE, AND A TWO, AND A ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...



I SEE A RED DOOR AND I WANT TO PAINT IT BLACK... NO COLORS ANYMORE I WANT THEM TO TURN BLACK... I SEE THE GIRLS GO BY DRESSED IN THEIR SUMMER CLOTHES... I HAVE TO TURN MY HEAD UNTIL THE DARKNESS GOES...

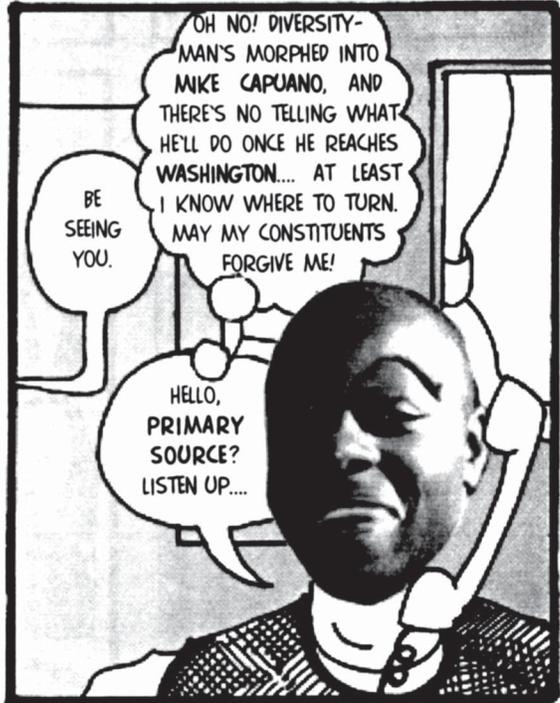
SORRY. NO DICE. COME BACK WHEN YOU CAN BUILD A PATIO.



YOU MIGHT NOT SEE ME ON WALNUT HILL AGAIN FOR A WHILE. I PLAN ON USING THESE **SHAPE-SHIFTING POWERS** TO EARN A PROMOTION, OF SORTS. AND A NEW OFFICE TO BOOT.

OH, SURE, I HAD TO DO A LITTLE KIDNAPPING TO TIDY UP LOOSE ENDS. BUT IN THE END, I THINK WE BOTH SAW EYE TO EYE. DON'T BOTHER TELLING ANYONE ABOUT THIS LITTLE SWITCH. THEY WON'T BELIEVE YOU.

PLEASD TO MEET YOU— HOPE YOU GUESSED MY NAME. HEH. ITS NOT ABOUT DIVERSITY, ANYMORE. ITS ALL ABOUT POWER. BUT THEN, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS ALWAYS ABOUT, WASN'T IT?



THE END.... FOR NOW....

The protest tactics are different, sort of, but the tired left-wing drivel hasn't changed.

The Song Remains the Same

BY KEITH LEVENBERG

Students who don't know what to think about the campus's latest nonsensical racism scare are fortunate, because the *Daily* and the *Observer* have been kind enough to tell them. "Communication [Is] Vital For Campus Improvement," opined a purportedly objective headline in Tufts' "newspaper of record," implying that the racist and obnoxiously politically correct forum held in Pearson Hall two weeks ago, dubbed "Many Voices, No Community," constituted just that. "Student Forum Gives Way To Open Discussion," the subtitles gushed, adding, "Students Organize Forum, Make Efforts To Influence, Implement Social Change." The *Daily's* coverage was no better, with a fawning profile of the organizers headlined, "Students are the faces of change." Before that, "reporter" David Pluviose inserted his own commentary into the newspaper's coverage of the event, having the audacity to lead in, "Hundreds of students left political correctness at the doors of Pearson Hall in order to open a dialogue and attempt to build community."

The truth is not so rosy. If "Many Voices, No Community" did not constitute the towering heights of political correctness, it is difficult to imagine exactly what political correctness is. It is somewhat embarrassing for a magazine such as the *SOURCE* with a stated political slant and editorial direction to be the only media outlet on campus to point out that it's okay for students to disagree with the politics associated with the event. It merits comment also that the event did not merely represent one side of a political debate. Devious, conspiratorial, racist, and under-handed, "Many Voices" was a deliberate attempt to forcibly impose a dangerous orthodoxy on campus culture under the cover of innocuous buzzwords like "dialogue," "understanding," and "community."

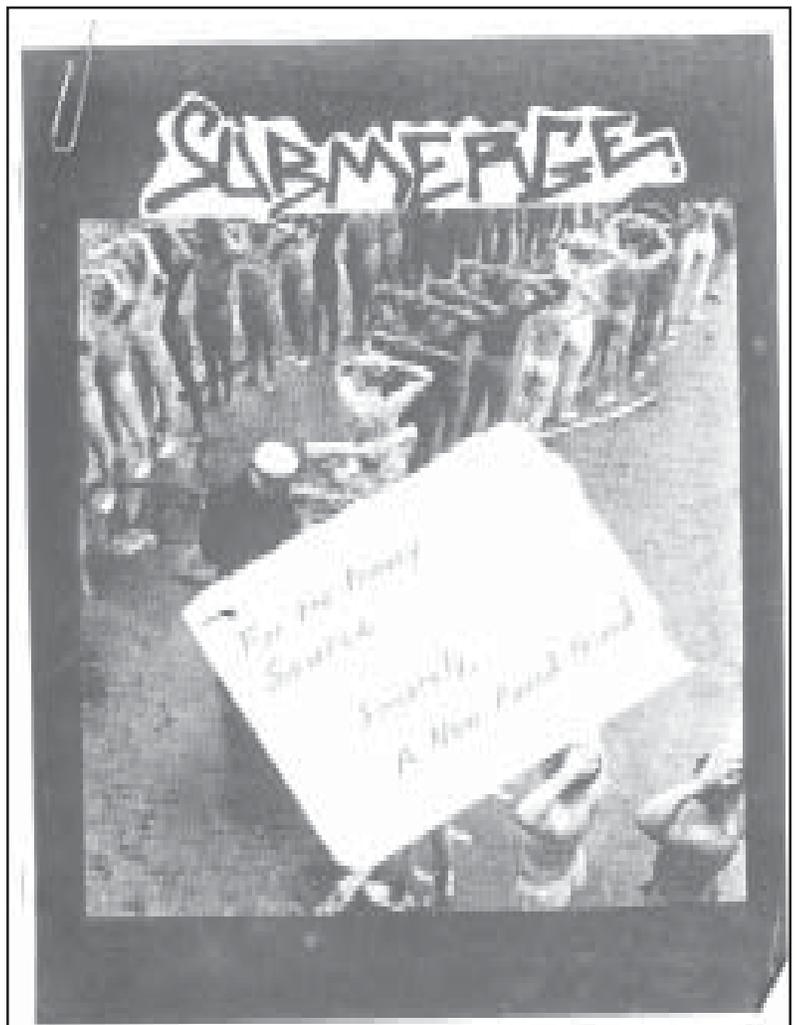
All of the promotional literature associated with the event made one point abundantly clear: the goal was not simply to

present one viewpoint, review the evidence in favor of it, attempt to convince students, and invite them to draw their own conclusions. The goal was to tell students how to think and what to think and to insinuate that students who don't think the way the diversity elites tell them to think are part of the problem. As organizer Jeff Harry described it in a mass-mailing to students, "A random group of 7 individuals that [sic] should have never met one another, got together and decided to wake up this campus." Implicit in this statement is that these seven people somehow know something the rest of the Tufts community does not, something so undebatable and self-evidently true that anyone who doubts it is clearly ignorant.

Perhaps this is because all of the activist groups that 'came together' for "Many Voices" don't disagree with each other on any substantial issue and therefore can't possi-

bly conceive that there exist people who disagree with *them*. To listen to their comments one wonders once again why Tufts has so many left-wing activist groups when they could have one communal group with a title like, "The Liberal Social-Action Community-Responsibility Pan-Cultural Environmentalist Redistribution-of-Wealth Feelings-Sharing Recycling Collective." The question makes itself apparent during quotations like the following from Tufts Feminist Alliance president Jennifer Dodge: "We did not go to the forum only because of sexism. We were there for all of the issues: racism, sexism, homophobia, any form of hatred." It is nice for these groups that they can all demonstrate this sort of solidarity. It is somewhat dangerous for the Tufts community, however, in that such relentless "unity" proves implicitly intolerant of dissent.

The activists responsible utterly fail to understand that theirs is a political quest about whose merits students have a right—and responsibility—to debate, not just dis-



cuss. Their failure to grasp the fact that the issues they raise are contentious and inflammatory indicates that they are not simply students fond of multiculturalism but radicals among radicals, extremists on a campus brimming with extremists. It takes quite a spectacle to make the panelists at the annual Orientation diversity panel look like moderates. But, somehow, this is exactly what these students have done.

Despite the Stalinist attitude towards dissenters—“they must be re-educated”—the activists would probably fare better sticking to politics, because when they aren’t making political statements about the merits of left-wing multiculturalism they’re spewing out racist, anti-white trash disguised as minority empowerment. Such is the content of *Submerge*, a barely literate magazine distributed by a group identifying itself as “P.E.A.C.E.,” of all things, at the “Many Voices” forum. The magazine is too long and this article too short to recount all of its anti-white nonsense. But the more laughable examples merit comment in a forum more conducive to open debate than one wherein students are intimidated into acceding to the official dogma lest they be branded racists forever.

“At some point in almost every colored person’s life, you just don’t want to have anything to do with whites,” one article explains. “This is called the ‘I Hate Whitey Phase,’” a phase with which one must conclude the majority of the panelists and a good deal of the audience members at “Many Voices” are currently contending. The phase is defined as “not talking to whites unless you absolutely have to, living in a cultural theme house (preferably one in which no whites are admitted), taking many cultural studies classes, reading vast amounts of non-white literature, [and] giving dirty looks to any Person of Color who is dating white.” At least the writer, Shana K. Harry, merits praise for honesty. The party line on campus maintains that cultural theme houses are not about exclusion or segregation but about educating the community and catering to the alleged ‘special needs’ of minority students. Miss Harry betrays the true motivation for such institutions: affording minority students the opportunity to avoid racial groups against which they harbor racist hatred.

One also grasps from her comments that a similar motivation informs students who take cultural-studies courses. The goal, one

concludes, is not to learn more about one’s own culture or even another culture: the goal is to insulate oneself from American culture and the Western world. Sadly, it is possible for a student to graduate without taking even one course which provides even a cursory introduction to Western civilization while it is also possible for a student to graduate with better than half of his course-load devoted entirely to multiculturalist classes. Were this not bad enough the University even requires all students to take a class in “World Civilizations” but appar-

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ently feels that a similar requirement for Western civ would be repugnant: an in-depth internal study last year on ways to improve the quality of a Tufts education ranked studying Western civilization next to last on a laundry-list of “possible new content emphases.” No doubt the fact that it was included at all provided *Submerge*’s activists with fodder for their inane contention that the University’s education is biased against *them*. But perhaps if they spent less time “reading vast amounts of non-white literature” they might have more time to appreciate all the great things that Western civilization has to offer. At the very least they might be ready to admit that the popularity of multiculturalist literature is due to reasons other than its quality. Nobody ever *really* thought that Maya Angelou was a decent poet, right?

Harry allows that “there are still some whites to love.” How nice. “Those of you still stuck in the ‘I Hate Whitey Phase’ may find this inconceivable,” she advises her readers, “but if you think really hard, I’m sure you can come up with a [*sic*] least one white person who has a good heart.... We can’t avoid whites forever— so why not make them our students?” It is difficult to imagine what would occur if a campus pub-

lication said the same thing about any other racial group.

Tragically, students who pen racist trash can rest assured that no protests will ensue, provided they direct their racism only against whites. This assurance also permits them a great deal of flexibility with the truth. Put another way, it empowers them to lie with impunity. Consider this contention of Harry’s: “If only you had told that white boy what an utter fool he was for saying that slavery was good for blacks. ‘It made them stronger.’ Or what about that professor who claimed it was necessary for ‘It was for their own safety.’ ... You allowed that white person to think they [*sic*] were right.”

Malarkey! Any student even slightly in touch with reality who reads these words will quickly realize that the incidents are figments of the writer’s myopic imagination. There exists not a professor in the University— nor likely one in *any* American university— who defends slavery as such. And any students on campus who do feel that “slavery was good for blacks” certainly don’t speak those opinions in a public forum, because it is so far outside the realm of acceptable discourse that such comments would quickly be followed by a barrage of richly deserved insults and, quite likely, an after-class beating. It is not the vigilant eye of overly sensitive minority students who exclude such comments from public discourse but the self-correcting nature of an advanced, free culture.

Submerge also featured an interview with visiting professor Geoffroy de Laforcade, who taught a number of the aforementioned cultural-studies courses, including one on “identity in the Andean Region and Mexico” which afforded one *Submerge* contributor with a ripe opportunity for good, old-fashioned Jumbo sycophancy. De Laforcade praises his activist past for making him want to “tackle historical questions” and “be better than my adversaries in the PRIMARY SOURCE.” But his adversaries in the PRIMARY SOURCE at least defend their opinions, while de Laforcade presents his own convictions as gospel and apparently regards those whom he opposes as his inferiors. Given Miss Harry’s vitriol against an obviously fictional professor’s un-PC comments, it is odd that de Laforcade in his interview would opine, “I think that students have to really challenge their professors to be more up to date, to engage in more risky discussion, and to get the best educa-

tion out there.”

Clearly, de Laforcade does *not* mean that conservative students should challenge left-wing multiculturalist dogma: speaking up in class and being controversial has always been a one-way street for the left. One cannot imagine *Submerge*'s contributors to be very enthusiastic about the true promises and pitfalls of “risky discussion.” They apparently consider it racial harassment of sorts to bring up difficult issues like how exactly blacks *did* benefit in some sense from slavery. One doubts that they would welcome in the name of “risky discussion” the issues raised in books like Charles Murray and Richard Herrnstein's *The Bell Curve* or Keith Richburg's *Out of America: A Black Man Confronts Africa*, wherein the author recounts the miseries he witnessed in his work in the continent and emerges thankful that his ancestors were brought here as slaves, ultimately “thank[ing] God that I am an American.” As such, it is particularly offensive that *Submerge* calls for a narrowing of the acceptable boundaries of discussion *in the name* of free discussion.

The writers behind *Submerge* and the students who felt it necessary to attend “Many Voices, No Community” could probably benefit from reading Richburg's book, as few of them seem to have an appreciation of how fortunate they are for being Americans. Some even deny their Americanism completely: Chrissy Greer and Jeff Harry ask in one article, “Why did we come to college? Just to get our bachelor [*sic*] degree or to walk up to the presidential podium to pick up our diploma [*sic*] as a stronger, wiser African.” The suffix to the trite PC term “African-American” has now been omitted altogether. The multiculturalists of the past merely wanted to put a hyphen between themselves and America; those of today reject America and the American ideal completely. Perhaps this is why *Submerge* is peppered throughout with mini-treatises on issues in various corners of the globe such as East Timor and the Congo, as if to suggest that these country's affairs are implicitly more worthy of comment than those of our own nation. The very presence of these articles seems to subtly attack Tufts students for not being as well-versed on such affairs as the editors of *Submerge*, as if knowledge of the situation in East Timor is an integral aspect of a quality liberal-arts education.

“White privilege” is another recurring

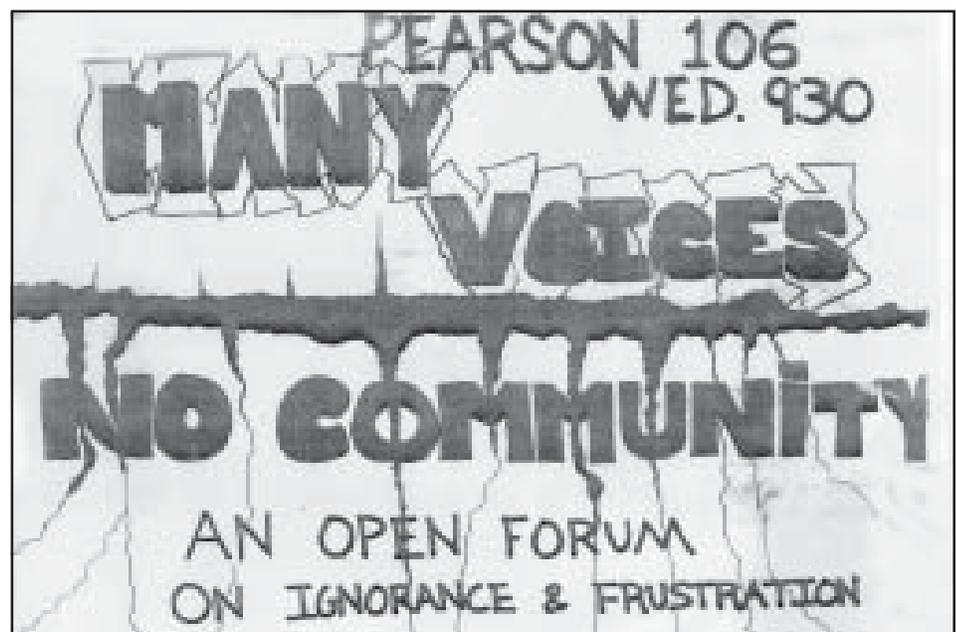
theme throughout the magazine. Precisely what this so-called “privilege” entails remains a mystery, and if anyone truly enjoys the benefits of white privilege it is the multiculturalist activists to whom it gives a call to arms, certainly not whites. Ask a typical Tufts student to recount the benefits he receives simply by virtue of being white and even a left-leaning sympathizer is hard-pressed to provide anything concrete—and this is not because of “ignorance.” Most students still remember the college-application experience wherein being white was always a detriment to one's admissions chances, and in most cases a *serious* detriment, with the black-white gap at many elite universities topping 200 SAT points. A more salient fact about white privilege is that a significant plurality of white students at quality colleges are Jewish, meaning that many if not most of them had relatives just two and three generations back in Nazi gas chambers. Try telling these folks that they enjoy an easy life because of “white privilege.” It isn't very convincing. (The decision on the part of the organizers of “Many Voices, No Community” to hold the event on the night of Yom Kippur seems to suggest that they didn't really care to consider any Jewish perspectives on their issues, however.)

What's most tragic about the whole series of events is how much it failed to live up to its potential. This is quite evident in the promotional quotations of the organizers, with one quipping, “Change can only come about through active thinking, discussion, and questioning of information whose truth

we take for granted,” only to produce a forum in which racial victimhood is an undebatable sacred cow. One gets the impression that none of the organizers consider a critique of their efforts in the *SOURCE* a valuable contribution to the “discussion”—after all, students were selected to appear on the “Many Voices” panel based on the strength of their abilities to toe the party line.

Most interesting, however, is the text of an early invitation to the forum: “For too long we have been sitting in our little cultural, economical [*sic*], and gender-related spheres to realize that there are many similarities between each other and that we must talk.... This will not be a griping session, a place to blame someone for all our troubles. It is a place where we start educating one another on each other.” Something in that order is clearly needed on campus; how disappointing that neither “Many Voices, No Community” nor *Submerge* provided it. In these words one detects someone standing in the shadow of an idea without quite grasping it, a tendency of man articulated by Friedrich Nietzsche in *Daybreak*. The idea, which few remaining among us seem to really appreciate, is Americanism, and it is comprised of many valuable constituent parts: equality, integration, opportunity, and hope. It won't be found in many cultural-studies classes. But perhaps Tufts' multiculturalist activists will begin to learn about it as soon as they transcend the “I Hate Whitey Phase.”

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*US foreign policy reads as a laundry list
of broken promises and empty threats.*

Invisible Policy

BY JONATHAN PERLE

Ronald Reagan had no small number of critics. However, while they tended to disagree with his policies and ideals, almost all of them would have allowed that Reagan was a man of integrity. His reputation as an honest person who kept his word gave the President international renown for truthfulness and plain-dealing. When Reagan vowed to use force to achieve a goal it was not just an idle threat but a distinct possibility. Because of this reputation, foreign powers recognized the United States as a power that would defend itself and would not sit idly by if attacked or threatened.

Sadly, the days when America was recognized as a world leader and a powerful international force seem to be over. Although America is still the mightiest nation in the world, our unwillingness to actually use force given provocation makes us seem weak and our efforts futile. Strings of broken promises from the likes of Serbia and Iraq would normally have provoked some kind of retaliation from the US, but the nation's subsequent failure to exercise force has resulted in an ineffective foreign policy. Iraq sits in defiance of UN sanctions, and nothing is done. The current foreign policy conducted by President Clinton and Secretary of State Albright has been to appease Hussein, a man who has killed thousands and will likely kill many more. Not only does the Clinton Administration acquiesce, but it has capitulated almost completely: now Madeleine Albright has simply given up on upcoming planned UNSCOM inspections.

The pattern of threatening force and not following through has helped to make America appear an easy target. Osama bin Laden might not have been so eager to blow up two US embassies if Reagan were in command. Instead, he might wonder what lengths Reagan would go to in order to extradite him. It is no wonder that bin Laden feels he can do what he wants with impunity.

Nearly all the major foreign policy decisions the current administration has had to make have weakened America's standing in the world arena.

Ignoring the latest incident in Sudan, let us look back at one of the more memorable moments in the administration's foreign policy history. After the 1992 election, the intelligence forces of the United States uncovered credible evidence that there was going to be an assassination attempt against President Bush. What did the administration do? It bombed the Iraqi intelligence agency at night so that nobody would be hurt. A daytime bombing might have taken out some conspirators, or at the very least sent a formidable message to Hussein. But the Clinton Administration is more interested in pretending to be tough than actually doing something serious.

In retaliation for the most recent terrorist bombings of embassies the US again had an opportunity to attack those responsible and did not. While the liberal media at-

tempted to convince Americans that the small retaliatory attack the armed forces did conduct was a mistake, the Clinton White House cowered from the responsibility of actually defending the move. Terrorists were able to immediately get to work rebuilding the damage done to their training camps secure in the knowledge that another attack was not likely. But an effective, comprehensive strike could have done the job right the first time: perhaps if Sudan's officials had heard the unmistakable sounds of Tomahawk cruise missiles hitting its weapons plants, aircraft hangars, supply depots, and military bases *en masse*, they might have understood that the US will not tolerate countries who help terrorists kill thousands of innocents.

Recently, US intelligence uncovered a number of bombing plots against a multitude of US embassies. This administration is suffering the consequences of a weak foreign policy. Men like bin Laden have declared war on the United States, considered by Muslim fundamentalists to be the "Great Satan." With the administration so reluctant to use force, the planners of the terrorist bombings are under the impression that their actions will elicit minimal retaliation. They realize that this administration is worried more about looking good in the American media than actually protecting national security.

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The UN threatens to revoke America's General Assembly vote for failing to pay dues. Maybe we should raise their rent.

United Abominations

BY MIKE ABELSON

With so much focus on Clinton's domestic follies, it is easy to overlook the foreign policy of the United States. Yet, even if Clinton has lost face, credibility, and effectiveness as a domestic leader, many other countries still look to the US for global leadership. This leadership is particularly crucial now that global capitalism is in trouble and the Asian economic crisis is no longer limited to Asia. Some countries might look to the United Nations for economic salvation. However, it is much more likely that if some world body is to rescue the global economy, it will be the United States. If anything, the UN acts as a barrier to the revitalization of the world economy as well as an obstacle in the pursuit of US foreign policies. Just as the Clinton scandal hampers this country domestically, the UN binds the hands of US sovereignty and continually resists an independent US foreign policy.

When terrorists bombed American embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, counterstrike seemed the best way to resolve the tragedy. The American retaliation against Sudan and Afghanistan was meant to cripple the terrorist capabilities of those states and send an ominous message to state-backed terrorist groups around the world. In order to secure its embassies from future attack, the US needed a quick, decisive, and effective counter attack. Compromise or empty words would only show weakness and invite more bomb threats. The UN, however, did not see it this way. After Clinton's address to the General Assembly on September 21, Secretary General Kofi Annan rebuked the United States for its use of force against Sudan and Afghanistan. Mr. Annan conceded that, "Terrorism is a global menace," but added that "individual actions by member states, whether aimed at state or non-state actors, cannot in themselves provide a solution." In essence, Annan was chiding the United States for failing to request UN authorization to carry out opera-

tions deemed necessary for purposes of national security. He expects the United States to ask permission for any covert operation or military action despite the need for speed and secrecy that most of these operations require.

This is certainly not the first time the UN has attempted to interfere with US domestic and foreign policies. In November of 1997, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions, Bacre Ndiaye, met with low-ranking government officials in an effort to examine and possibly condemn America's use of the death penalty. Mr. Ndiaye attacked both the Constitution and death penalty, insinuating that the UN's International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights may give the accused more rights than the Constitution. Mr. Ndiaye made his biases regarding the use of the death penalty quite

clear in his assertion that "the overall aim is to work gradually toward the abolition of the death penalty. So any move in the opposite direction is to in my view undermine the convention." Whether or not an American believes that the death penalty is a legitimate punishment, no world body should have the right to threaten American sovereignty by fiddling with domestic politics. Yet, this is exactly what the UN attempted. This world organization is a Frankenstein, conceived of and constructed by the United States but given a monstrous life of its own. It is now free to harass and threaten its creator at whim.

Instead of subtle attacks the UN is now prepared to make a more direct assault on the US. Unless Congress pays the UN about \$200 million by December 31, the organization has threatened to strip the US of its General Assembly vote. The UN alleges that the US has failed to pay more than \$1.5 billion in dues. Some of the reasons behind this failure to pay are quite political. Congressional Republicans want assurance that the dues will not benefit countries with pro-abortion agendas. Democrats oppose this amendment. At the same time, much of the opposition to the payment of dues stems from dissatisfaction with the way in which the UN is run as well as the possible threat the UN could pose if allowed to maintain a standing army. Congress is demanding that



the UN reduce its total budget and cut its bureaucratic staff. In addition, Congress is seeking a pledge from the UN not to create a standby “peacekeeping” force. Such a force, some believe, could become a potentially hostile international army.

The budget burden that the US bears is a sore point for Congress. According to the UN, the US must pay 25% for the organization’s regular budget. Congress is fighting to cut that share down to 20%. Congress has already succeeded in reducing America’s 31% share of the peacekeeping budget to 25%. Yet, these numbers are misleading. The US is not skipping on foreign aid. The US continues to spend billions on all sorts of foreign aid ranging from economic aid to military aid to food. The US continues to be a leader in the world stage in its own right as well as contributing to the UN. The Gulf War is an excellent example of how misleading the preceding statistics can be. When Iraq invaded Kuwait, a country vital to American interests, without provocation, the UN agreed that international action should be taken. But did the US contribute 31% or 25% to the supposed international army that opposed Saddam? No. Instead, the “international army” consisted mainly of American equipment, soldiers, and supplies. The only battle the UN waged against Iraq was one of words and condemnation. The US army was the force that won the war.

Congress has legitimate reasons—and is not simply being ‘cheap’—for refusing to divert American tax dollars to the UN. John Bolton, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs under the Bush administration, when commenting on the UN situation said, “This is not a bean-counting argument; this represents a fundamental divergence of opinion on the right course for the organization.” Those fundamental issues at stake are interference in US affairs, wasteful spending on useless bureaucratic staff, and the creation of a standing army. The concept behind the UN was certainly a good one—it is just that the idea has taken on a monstrous life of its own and spiraled far out of control. A time may come when the US will have to take the power back. Until then, withholding funds seems an appropriate solution.

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Mayor Mike has managed to sugar-coat Somerville’s hatred of Tufts.

Local Flavor

BY JONATHAN BLOCK

In a now infamous September 14 interview with the *Tufts Daily*, Somerville Mayor Michael E. Capuano made the following spurious statements against the Tufts community: “Tufts does a few little things for us. They throw us a couple of bones once in a while.” Later in the interview, Capuano went on to attack Tufts again, this time criticizing the University’s handling of last year’s UNICCO issue: “That was the stupidest thing they ever did. Whoever handled it should be shot.”

One would expect that such grossly incorrect and inflammatory assertions would have prompted a slew of letters to the editor, retorting Capuano’s claims. However, at Tufts, where apathy rules over school pride, I was the only student to respond. In my reply to Capuano, I reminded the Mayor of the large economic impact Tufts University makes on the Somerville community. The fact that Tufts is one of the largest employers in Somerville seemed to have escaped Capuano’s mind, as well as the hundreds of thousands of dollars Tufts students pour into Somerville businesses. Also, the enormous amount of community service done by Tufts students seems to have gone unnoticed.

As far as the UNICCO controversy goes, the University renegotiated the contract to bring the custodians’ wages, which were several dollars above the market rate,

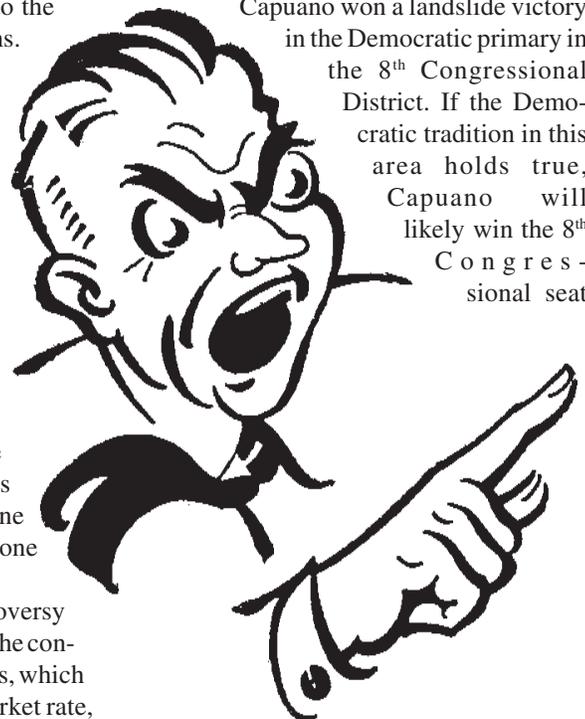
more in line with what other custodians in the area earn. Any student of economics can tell you this was a financially prudent move. Instead of taking a modest pay cut which

would have still left the workers well above minimum wage, many of them quit. Instead of blaming Tufts for not providing employment for his constituents Capuano should be concentrating his energies on moving his community to a point of technological advancement where janitorial jobs are not seen as

the diamond in the crown of Somerville.

The day after the interview appeared, Capuano won a landslide victory in the Democratic primary in the 8th Congressional District. If the Democratic tradition in this area holds true, Capuano will likely win the 8th Congressional seat

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left empty by Rep. Joseph Kennedy's decision not to seek re-election. Capuano's position as an almost certain winner of the November election leaves him free to make irresponsible comments without having to face any consequences or worry about opponents using them against him. The type of incendiary comments made by Capuano do nothing to solve the issue of poor town/gown relations; in fact, they exacerbate them. Capuano, however, feels that he has nothing to lose and everything to gain by denouncing Tufts whenever he can. He simply perpetuated the Somerville community's enmity towards Tufts. In his mind, the best thing to happen would be for the University, along with certain administrators, to go to hell in a handbasket.

Primarily, Capuano has denounced Tufts for not putting more money into the community. It is questionable why Capuano believes that the University's treasury has vast sums of money earmarked for the development of Somerville. As mayor of Somerville Capuano should understand that this is a job for him and the people of Somerville, not Tufts, which has neither the obligation nor the incentive to serve the city. With many long-overdue projects on campus, it would be both imprudent and financially irresponsible for the University to become Somerville's charity box. As long as financial aid is in need of enhancement and classes are overcrowded the University's priorities should rest with providing for students. In the same respect if Capuano had been more financially responsible in taking care of Somerville's own coffers, he wouldn't need to reprimand third parties for not helping him out.

In retrospect, some good may have come out of Capuano's move from Somerville to Washington. As a career politician and buck-passing liberal, Capuano will have no trouble fitting in on Capitol Hill. And Tufts can look forward to developing a better relationship with Somerville's new mayor, who will hopefully appreciate the many outreach programs Tufts does conduct in partnership with its surrounding community. At the very least, Tufts administrators can continue their jobs without fearing for their lives.

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TUPD Blues

Sooner or later everyone has a run-in with this campus's boys in blue, the TUPD. Though not actual traffic police, the TUPD takes every opportunity to pull over hapless Jumbos and to litter their windshields with tickets, although the officers are not really constabulary. Under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 22C, Section 23, they are considered "special" state police, which places them a tier above the rent-a-cops at the local mall but simultaneously recognizes that their duties often travel too far outside the realm of law enforcement. The official purpose of the TUPD is to "work consistently toward providing an environment that is safe and secure as can reasonably be accepted." However, this mission often comes into conflict with the expectations held by the Tufts administration: that the TUPD act as babysitter to the students.

For the sake of a "safe school environment," the university has bestowed upon the Tufts police unwarranted authority. As a result, TUPD takes every opportunity to exercise its power over the student body through random pull-overs, break-ups of on- and off-campus parties, and harassment of any student suspect of alcohol consumption. The Tufts police force has taken the role of teetotaler to compensate for the relative monotony of its other responsibilities. These include fundraising for the administration through the disbursement of traffic and parking tickets, attending fire drills, and letting disorganized freshmen back into locked dorms.

Few parties on and off Professor's Row can escape the watchful eye of the TUPD. For better or for worse the fraternities provide the sole social outlet on our campus. Taking this into consideration, one would think that the University would temper its

enforcement of underage drinking legislation. However, this year saw a record number of fraternity parties subject to the wrath of TUPD, many shut down without warning or a reason given. This forces freshmen to consume bottles of cheap liquor in their dorm rooms, a practice that is clearly not in the definition of a "safe school environment."

In a recent *Daily* viewpoint entitled, "You've got to fight for your right to party," author Alysse Wurcel brought up some long-overlooked issues. "TUPD should understand how to interact with the students since that is its primary concern," she writes. "But TUPD's ability to deal with situations on campus is constantly being compromised by its officers' lack of personal-relations skills." The lack of common courtesy in our police force can only be the result of an attitude which treats students as lawbreakers rather than customers of the University who pay \$120,000 to spend four years here.

In defense of the police, TUPD did receive the Jeanne Clery Safe Campus Award last year. Citing only one sex offense, five counts of aggravated assault, eight instances of burglary, one stolen car, and eight arrests in a typical Tufts year, we have a comparatively safe campus. Of course, correlation does not always equal causation; Tufts isn't exactly in Harlem or Washington, DC.

Every Jumbo would like to feel that he is living on a safe and secure campus. The Tufts University Police Department claims that "community policing... meets this goal by bringing together the Tufts community and the Tufts police." What the police pamphlets neglect to recognize, however, is that most members of the community would prefer to keep such convergences to an absolute minimum and get on with the important work of having a good time.



Cornell University sees sexual relations as child's play.

For the Boys

BY ALYSSA HEUMANN

As a result of continuing efforts to “diversify” course offerings, Cornell University unveiled “The Sexual Child.” The course, to be taught by English professor Ellis Hanson, includes the writings of a plethora of pro-pedophilia activists. The course materials include lectures titled, “The Child as a Sexual Object and Sexual Subject,” “Loving Children,” and the creatively titled “Big Bad Wolves.” The course addresses pedophilia as a “different sexual culture”, and a “unique expression of human inventiveness,” according to Gail Rubin, the author of “Thinking Sex.” In her book, Ms. Rubin attempts to “denounce [the] erotic injustice and sexual oppression” which she believes plague the community of “boy-lovers.”

According to both Professor Hanson and Ms. Rubin, pedophiles are victims of right-wing persecution and marginalization. “Like communists and homosexuals in the 1950s, boy-lovers are so stigmatized that it is difficult to find defenders for their civil liberties, let alone erotic orientation,” Rubin quips. Her attitude is symbolic of the alignment of many gay and lesbian activists behind the pro-pedophilia cause. Indeed, Hanson and Rubin are not alone in their views: Carl Whittman, author of *Out of the Closets*, claims that “kids... are sexual beings much earlier than we’d like to admit. Those of us who began cruising in early adolescence know this,” and Gerald Hannon, author of *Lavender Culture*, encourages his rabble-rouser compatriots to “proselytize” and young people to “get out of their families as soon as they can,” then delivers the message, “It’s all right to be having sex.”

Activists fail to recognize the one salient feature which separates pedophilia from a host of other sexual causes and deviations: the involvement of children. A closer look at many of the pro-pedophilia arguments reveals much more than an open-

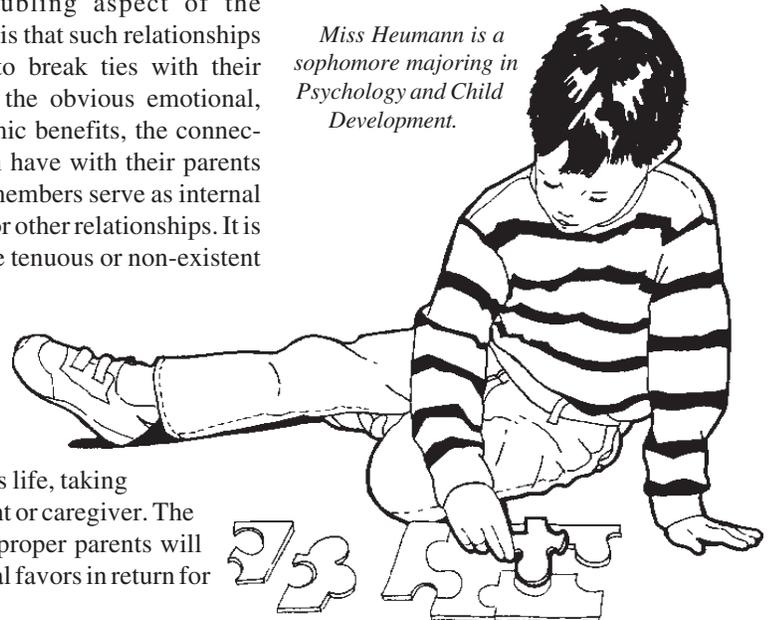
mined and “fresh” view of sexual relations; the acceptance of the pedophiles’ cause requires a gross re-categorization of childhood and of human maturation. Are children, who are still working to master basic life skills, capable of having an adult sexual relationship? Indeed, a child’s immaturities in all areas of development should make clear his social status, one separate from adult activities, concerns, and responsibilities. Our society recognizes children by protecting them with legislation, providing a compulsory education, and, in some cases, supplying medical and nutritional care. The adoption of a pedophile’s creed would also require us to allow children to work 40-hour weeks at the factory, fight in the armed forces, and operate motor vehicles. Not only do children lack the physical size, strength, and endurance for such tasks, they also lack the emotional resiliency and cognitive faculties which would be required. It is in this manner that we should regard sexual relationships; children are simply not mature enough to handle them.

Another troubling aspect of the pedophiles’ cause is that such relationships require children to break ties with their families. Besides the obvious emotional, social and economic benefits, the connections that children have with their parents and other family members serve as internal working models for other relationships. It is when these ties are tenuous or non-existent that children become targets for sexual victimization. Oftentimes, pedophiles will assume a nurturing role in a child’s life, taking the place of a parent or caregiver. The difference is that proper parents will never ask for sexual favors in return for their love.

One cannot help but question the quality of pedophiles’ own childhood experiences, the relationships they maintain with their families, and more importantly, their children. Any parent witnessing the consternation of a five year-old attempting to tie his shoes, or an eleven year-old’s adolescent mood swings, would be reticent to declare his child ready for sexual encounters, especially with someone many times his age. To this effect, Pat Califa, author of *Public Sex*, believes American parents are to blame for not allowing their children to take part in sexual relationships. “Culturally induced schizophrenia allows parents to... exhaust themselves policing the sex lives of their children,” she writes. “Children are celibate because their parents prevent them from playing with other little kids or adults.” One can only wonder if Califa would maintain this same stance with her own children.

This is an age in which childhood and innocence are a precious commodity. As a society, we should be devoting ourselves to helping our children grow into healthy, mature adults. Children’s lives have become more and more complex as they cope with issues such as divorce, drugs, and violence. Into this confusing and sometimes volatile mix, pedophiles and their supporters wish to add sexual relationships and all their repercussions. It is terrifying to think that universities such as Cornell are advancing this agenda, thus giving credence to the use of children as sexual objects. Life for many youths in America has become a battle, and now some wish to declare open season.

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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Yesterday I was a dog. Today I'm a dog. Tomorrow I'll probably still be a dog. Sigh! There's so little hope for advancement.

—Snoopy

A college is a place where pebbles are polished and diamonds dimmed.

—Robert G. Ingersoll

In large states public education will always be mediocre, for the same reasons that in large kitchens the cooking is bad.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

Don't stay away from church because there are so many hypocrites. There's always room for one more.

—A. R. Adams

A male gynecologist is like an auto mechanic who has never owned a car.

—Carrie Snow

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.

—Oscar Ameringer

All that Communism needs to make it successful is somebody to feed and clothe it.

—Columbia Record

The mistakes are all waiting to be made.

—chess master Savielly Grigorievitch

The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.

—Norman Mailer

I have known many meat eaters to be far more nonviolent than vegetarians.

—Mahatma Gandhi

The meek shall inherit the earth, but not the mineral rights.

—John Paul Getty

I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

—e. e. cummings

Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work.

—Robert Orben

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Egotist: a person more interested in himself than in me.

—Ambrose Bierce

Often it does seem a pity that Noah and his party did not miss the boat.

—Mark Twain

It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating.

—Oscar Wilde

The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his.

—General George Patton

Everywhere I go I'm asked if I think the university stifles writers. My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them.

—Flannery O'Connor

When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before.

—Mae West

The difference between pornography and erotica is lighting.

—Gloria Leonard

Nothing is wrong with California that a rise in the ocean level wouldn't cure.

—Ross MacDonald

The longer I live the more I see that I am never wrong about anything, and that all the pains that I have so humbly taken to verify my notions have only wasted my time.

—George Bernard Shaw

A husband is what is left of the lover after the nerve has been extracted.

—Helen Rowland

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

—Edmund Burke

Money couldn't buy friends, but you get a better class of enemy.

—Spike Milligan

He would make a lovely corpse.

—Charles Dickens

I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial.

—Irvin S. Cobb

Being president is like being a jackass in a hailstorm. There's nothing to do but stand there and take it.

—Lyndon B. Johnson

The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjust on his bathroom scale.

—Arthur C. Clarke

The trouble with jogging is that the ice falls out of your glass.

—Martin Mull

I tended to place my wife under a pedestal.

—Woody Allen

The trick is to stop thinking of it as "your" money.

—IRS auditor

If Karl, instead of writing a lot about capital, had made a lot of it... it would have been much better.

—Karl Marx's mother

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.

—George Burns

I regret to say that we of the FBI are powerless to act in cases of oral-genital intimacy, unless it has in some way obstructed interstate commerce.

—J. Edgar Hoover

I was a pilot flying an airplane and it just so happened that where I was flying made what I was doing spying.

—Francis Gary Power, U2 pilot

Bachelors know more about women than married men; if they didn't they'd be married, too.

—H. L. Mencken

This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer.

—Will Rogers

Never try to guess your wife's size. Just buy her anything marked 'petite' and hold on to the receipt.

—Anonymous